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## Dixon at opening?

The Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Mr. Brian Dixon, has been invited to take part in the official opening of the Altona pool on Sunday, February 27.

The opening ceremony itself will be conducted by Altona's Mayor, Cr. Les Crofts.

## Pioneer dies

One of the pioneers of Altona, Mr. Thomas Joseph Harrington, died last Sunday after a short illness.

He was 96.

Mr. Harrington settled in Altona in 1914 and lived in the area for 60 years, before moving to a home for the aged in Canterbury two years ago.

Originally from England, Mr. Harrington and family migrated to Australia in 1911 and first lived at Warburton before moving to Altona.

Their first home in Altona was a tent, pitched under some cypress trees, where a big self-service grocery store (in Pier Street) now stands.

An article on Mr. Harrington was featured in the Star several years ago.

In the article he said that when he arrived in Altona "there was nothing here, except for a dozen houses scattered all over the place."

Mr. Harrington was one of the founding members of the Progress Association in 1916, which met socially for dances and euclyre parties.

In the early years, before a church was built, Mr. Harrington and other residents formed a church service every Sunday.

He was one of the original members of the Altona Baptist Church in Sargood Street and served as church deacon for about 40 years.

He is survived by two daughters, Florence (Mrs. Barnes) and Joyce (Mrs. Mauser). He is predeceased by his wife, The United Kingdom Set-Alice and children, Thomas and Edith.

A funeral service was more senior members. The meetings of the Church on Tuesday group are held at noon. Funeral arrangements on the first Wednesday of were handled by Nelson each month at 36 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

The heated indoor pool, 25 ft. (7½ metres) long, has cost the council \$950,000, with Government grants.

It has taken more than a year to build, and will be open for use by the public on Monday, February 28.

The costs of the building, on Lynch Reserve, Mason Street, Altona North, include landscaping the surrounds and making access streets.

The opening ceremony, open to the public, will begin at 2.30 pm. Mr. Syd Fell, Altona's town clerk, said yesterday no reply to the invitation had yet been received from Mr. Dixon.

### Magnificent

He said the pool would hold a capacity of about 250 swimmers at one time, and it is expected to be extensively used by the eight schools in the Altona North area.

"You could describe this complex as magnificent," he said.

"We are very proud of it."

Mr. Mike Ross, who has had six years' experience in pool management, took up duties at the pool earlier this month.

"At the moment I'm checking equipment and testing water and so on with the engineers."

"I would say this is the best designed indoor pool of its size in Melbourne," he told The Star.

Mr. Ross was formerly a policeman in Tasmania, and will be responsible for safety and disciplinary rules at the pool, as well as equipment, employees and the state of the water itself.

### Senior group

The United Kingdom Set-Alice and children's Association has formed a group for its more senior members.

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# YOUTH FREE AFTER DEATH DRIVE CASE

A Yarraville youth charged after the death of a pedestrian in Millers Road, Altona North, last year, escaped conviction in Williamstown Court on Thursday.

Phillip William Tarrant, 19, an apprentice motor mechanic of Wilkins Street, pleaded not guilty to a charge of failing to give way to a pedestrian on a pedestrian crossing.

Mr. Mefail Balovski, 32, a father of three, of Marigold Avenue, North Altona, was knocked down at "the 16 shops" crossing in Millers Road, on May 26.

Constable William Stewart, of Altona police, told Mr. K. Mason SM, "The car was about 40 metres from the crossing," he said. "A middle-aged man with severe head injuries lay on the roadway 42

metres from the point of impact. He was wearing dark clothing.

"The man, Mefail Balovski, was taken to the Western General Hospital for treatment, but died later that night.

"The pedestrian crossing controls were in working order; and lighting was adequate. "Phillip Tarrant admit-

ted he was the driver involved in the accident, and a breath test taken revealed his blood alcohol content as .02 per cent."

Const. Stewart told the court the overhead lighting in Millers Road was amber, and the flashing lights at the crossing were also amber. The combination often confused drivers, he said.

He said that the intersection of Miller Road and the Lower Yarra Freeway was only 100 metres from the crossing for southbound traffic.

"By the time cars stopped at the intersection lights, travel around the bend to the crossing, they are up to about 60 kmh," he said.

"There have been numerous accidents in the area. I believe poor lighting and dark clothing contributed greatly to this accident."

The police told Mr. Mason, who wondered why a lenient view was being taken towards Tarrant, that the Coroner's Court had recommended no prosecution.

A driver behind Tarrant on the night of the accident had told the coroner that visibility was not good, that Balovski hadn't looked before stepping onto the crossing, and that Tarrant had been travelling at between 45-50 kmh.

Mr. Mason observed that he had "seen people on occasions running onto pedestrian crossings..."

If one strictly obeyed every letter of the road traffic law, it would be impossible to get a vehicle mobile — and that would possibly be a breach of law in itself," he said.

"One must interpret laws occasionally to keep traffic moving. However, I believe Tarrant formally has a case to answer."

Tarrant told the court from the witness stand that he had stopped at a red light at the Millers Road-Lower Yarra Freeway intersection.

"When the light turned green I drove off. I was in the right hand lane, and had reached about 45-50 kmh around the bend to the crossing," he said.

"I was looking straight ahead. My headlights were on, and although I had a passenger in the car, I was not talking."

"I was going along, and about 10-15 feet away from the crossing I saw an object in front of me. I tried to swerve and stop. He was dressed in black."

"The road is poorly lit, and I did look to see if anyone was on the crossing."

"I had drunk two glasses of beer at tea-time, but I don't believe this had any affect on my driving. I knew the pedestrian crossing was there, but I saw no one on it."

### DIFFICULT

Mr. M. J. Ruddle, for Tarrant, said he believed the case was a difficult one.

"Here we have a driver who struck someone on a pedestrian crossing, but who says he didn't see him until he was on top of him."

"It is not a case of absolute liability — I refer to the policeman's evidence."

"I submit that this was an unavoidable accident, with no fault attached to Mr. Tarrant," Mr. Ruddle said.

Mr. Mawson: "Having regard to all the information, I mark the case dismissed."

## Sandbars a handicap

Silt and sandbars are preventing anything but small flat-bottomed boats leaving or entering Kororoit Creek anytime but at high tide. This is proving a severe handicap for the Kororoit Creek Anglers Club rescue group, part

of the bay's safety team.

Gregory Hoareau, 11, is pictured standing on one of the creek mouth sandbars to point out the markers used by boats passing through when the water is higher.



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# 2 in theft given probation

Two youths who admitted being involved in the theft of \$926 from a cake shop in Queen Street, Altona, were placed on probation by Mr. K. Mason, SM, on Thursday.

Before Williamstown Court were Wally Aiello, 17, of Newton Court, Altona, and Thomas Francis Drew, 22, of Robb Street, Spotswood.

Drew pleaded guilty to a charge of handling stolen goods, but not guilty to theft. The latter charge was withdrawn by police.

Aiello was charged with trespassing with intent to steal, and burglary. He pleaded guilty.

Neither Drew, nor Aiello was represented in court.

Senior Detective Peter MacKay, of Laverton CIB, told Mr. Mason he interviewed Drew on January 5, when Drew said he was a laborer, but had been unemployed for 2½ months.

"I asked him what he could tell me about the theft of money from Mr. Hillson Smith's home-made cake shop in Altona," Sen. Det. MacKay said.

"He said that on the night of the theft, December 17, he had gone to a friend's house, and Wally Aiello was also there.

"At 1 am they went to the beach at Altona, and between them drank a full bottle of Bacardi, straight.

"The friend told he and Aiello that he knew a lot of money, kept for tax, was in the cake shop and the three of them walked past the shop and back to the beach.

"Drew said the friend and Aiello went back to the shop Aiello carrying a garden stake. He said the friend went to the front of the shop, Aiello to the lane around the back.

"He then heard a smash, and the two came back to the beach with the money. He said he was given \$112.

"Aiello told me there had been no discussion

about breaking into the shop while they were drinking on the beach. He said he had been 'pretty drunk'.

"He said he could possibly have taken a stick to the shop with him, he was drunk at the time and couldn't remember.

"Aiello told me the friend had given him \$105 when the money was split up on the beach."

Neither youth had prior convictions, the court was told.

Aiello, asked by Mr. Mason if he wanted to say anything to the court, said that the amount actually stolen, and the amount said to be stolen, did not tally.

He said there was far less than \$926. Police told Mr. Mason the facts could not be checked with Mr. Smith because he was presently on holiday.

Aiello called his father, Aldo Aiello, to the stand to give character evidence on his behalf.

Aiello said he was a hardworking man who had done well for his family.

"He (his son) could not wish for better. He is going back to school to get his matriculation this year, and he's always been a respectful boy.

"I couldn't believe this could happen. It's the first time in the history of my name.

"I'd like to know how it is that drink could affect him in this way. Money has been left at home by myself and my wife often, and he's never been inclined to take it, or anything of the sort.

"I'm keeping a strict surveillance on him," and he has to be home by 10 pm each night. I'd also like a court order restraining him from seeing those mates of his. If he gets into trouble, my name is affected too," Mr. Aiello said.

Mrs. Anna Drew, of Queen Street, Altona, spoke to the court on behalf of her son. She said he had been living back at home now for a while, and wanted to marry and move to Sydney.

"He wants to get away from people he knows in Altona. He is very easily led," she said.

The police prosecutor, Sergeant Hill, asked how often she had seen her son when he had been living away from home.

Mrs. Drew said the only time was when she caught sight of him occasionally in the street.

Felix Kiesel, a soldier based at Singleton, in NSW, told the court he had shared a flat with Drew last year and would have no hesitation in leaving money around.

"Frank is someone you trust. My mother, who loves him—I don't mind saying it—is arranging a job for him in our poultry business."

Mr. Mason placed the two defendants on probation for two years, and ordered them to repay the amounts of \$112 and \$105 they said they had received from the burglary.

## 'Town's book bus is rolling



Williamstown's book bus is now on the road providing a service to people who cannot get down to the library. The service was launched by the Mayor, Cr. Peter Lalor, last November, and the bus began operations early this month.

Signwriting on the bus was completed during the Christmas break.

People who have difficulty getting to the library and need the service can ring Richard Sawyer on 397 1800, after hours, 397 1366. The service is free.

## NEWPORT: 'WOMEN WILL SUFFER'

Mrs. Dorothy Waight, of The Strand, Williamstown, will tell the Newport review panel that women will suffer if the proposed Newport D power station is built by the SEC.

Her submission, she says, was written on behalf of women. It reads:

"It is women who suffer more from most kinds of pollution than do men.

"For a baby to be born healthy, the expectant mother must breathe pure air. The celebrated baby specialist, Dr. Truby King, said: 'The baby's first and greatest need is pure air. The second is pure, clean water.'"

"In a polluted atmosphere, the balance of

nature is upset. This week's publication of a survey provides statistics that prove many more girls than boys are born in a polluted area.

"In an unpolluted area the reverse occurs; many more boys than girls are born.

"Powerful turbines at the proposed Newport power station will create noise and vibration, but up to date the SEC has failed to give an estimate of the noise.

"Noise and vibration affect the nervous system and can cause a number of disorders. The American Medical Association has made a long list of disorders which can have their origin in noise.

"As a woman's nervous constitution is more vulnerable, she suffers more readily.

"This power station will emit oxides of nitrogen and the dangerous gas ozone. Gas power stations such as the one proposed for Newport, have had a considerable history of nitrogen oxide pollution in the United States.

"Although the station will, as the SEC says, burn clean natural gas, the commission has stated that the units would also be designed to burn fuel oil — the most destructive known fuel.

"Emission from the oil will erode any metal, stone or marble. It will leave washing stained. It is women who, in the main, have to deal with such stains and resulting disrepair.

"It is women who will, in the main, repeatedly use hot water to clean oily windows and paintwork.

"What will be the effect on marine life? The hot chlorinated water discharged from Newport will poison the fish. Swans and other wildlife that give pleasure to thousands will disappear.

## Bid to pull ALP from local govt.

By JULIAN COOKE

The Australian Labor Party may officially pull out of municipal government if plans now being discussed succeed at the March conference of the State party.

Word of the proposed move has come from Sunshine, where a successful bid of this kind would have a major impact on the municipality's political future.

An immediate result of such a move could well see every council candidate handing out black and yellow how-to-vote cards.

The colors would no longer officially denote the ALP, although in a strong Labor area, it could be an advantage all candidates, whatever political affiliation, could use.

This, in turn, could weaken, or eliminate, the "junta", so often referred to by the inquiry which led to Sunshine council's dismissal.

It is not impossible, however, that members of the so-called junta are behind the move, and want to foster this view as, some deeper thought leads me to the feeling that if the ALP opts out of municipal affairs, the junta will be able to consolidate itself.

Its identifiable members have a pretty strong hold on branch membership in the area, and the State body out of the way, the Sunshine branches might put forward their own "endorsed" candidates.

This would give them an opportunity to "eliminate" such stalwarts as Jack Tighe and Joan Lowe, and newcomer Jack Arnell, who are identified as not being part of the group.

Cr. Tighe was caught up in a long drawn-out battle to retain pre-selection for the seat he held for nearly 13 years before last August's election.

The general view then was that the junta was running a determined campaign to unseat him.

Struggling independents could be in trouble at the next election.

Candidates will have not four, but 12 seats dangling before them, and the rush will certainly be

undignified, probably unscrupulous and very likely its size will make the Light Brigade look like a platoon.

The independents could well be one of the groups that get lost in the rush. However, the proposal is not causing much serious heartburn.

Former Footscray mayor Cr. Fred Maddern told The Star-Advertiser that such moves had been made before. They could almost be called hardy annuals.

They had never gained much support.

He said: "I can't see it getting much mileage this year — it is a time-honored tradition to endorse candidates."

He said that such moves in the past would, if anything, be identified with the Right wing of the party. He could not see the broad mass of Left-wing unionists accepting it.

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## Colt hits man, wife

A Newport man and his wife were hurt when a horse broke loose and jumped a fence at the Geelong races on Thursday.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bunting, of Farm Street.

They were watching the horses parade for the 2nd Maiden Handicap when the three-year-old colt, Carboy, jumped the mounting yard fence.

He had broken loose from his strapper.

Carboy struck Mrs. Bunting on the elbow, and Mr. Bunting in the back. The course doctor treated the couple, who were then invited by the Geelong Racing Club to spend the rest of the afternoon in the members' stand.

Mr. Bunting said yesterday he and his wife, Beryl, had recovered "pretty well" after the accident.

"We were a little bit shaken up, and the wife's arm was still a bit sore at the weekend, but we're OK.

"I don't think we'll be seeing the doctor again unless some sort of complications set in.

"It's just one of those things — it could happen anywhere at any time, you know.

"I tell you what, though, it was frightening ... I could see the horse coming, and I knew we could not get out of the road. If we'd gone to, say, the left, it could have even been worse.

"So we stayed where we were ...

"After we got over the shock of it, I was more worried about how the horse was, he hit his chest on the fence and I thought maybe he'd have to be destroyed.

"Anyway, I asked the club, and they said he'd just got a sore chest, and would be fine. Put my mind at rest."

Mr. Bunting said the Geelong racing officials had been very good to them, and had pointed out that any medical expenses would be paid by the club.

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# A Falstang or a Muscon?



By the time Bernie McEwan finishes work on his car most people won't have a clue what make it is . . .

Even car enthusiasts will have difficulty naming its probably some will say it

Even car enthusiasts will have difficulty naming it — probably some will say it's a Falcon and some will say it's a Mustang.

And they'll both be right/wrong.

Because Bernie, 36, a self-described "car freak", wants to make his two-door 1973 Falcon (pictured with Bernie), look as much like a Mustang as possible.

Already he has fitted it with imported Mustang grill and back lights and panels and now he plans to make the Falcon PERFORM like a Mustang.

Over the next two years, he will spend thousands of dollars — first replacing the existing motor with a 454 super-charged Corvette. He will also be doing sundry things, like removing the automatic transmission to put in a four-speed gear box and replacing the "diff".

As a final touch, he planned on covering the car seats with white doe hide.

Asked why he would spend so much money and time on such a project, Bernie admitted that only a "car freak would do it".

Bernie, of Severn Street, West Newport, is a member of the local street-rod club, the Aldorado Rod and Kustom Club (that's the way they spell it).

"We just pass on helpful hints between us, give a member a hand if they need it," said Bernie.

"If anyone would like to join they can ring me on 391 6778, after 6 pm."

Bernie will take a holiday from working on his car at the weekend. Instead he'll be going to a hot-rod show at the Exhibition Buildings (January 28-31).

"My car will be on display there in a few years, no worries," said Bernie confidently.

He already has a name for the finished product.

"I'm going to call it 'Pure Hell', painted right across the back."

## 400 AGAINST NEWPORT

About 400 people gathered at Greenwich Reserve on The Strand at Williamstown on Saturday to demonstrate against the proposed Newport power station, and the Newport inquiry review panel itself.

The demonstration was organised by the Western Suburbs Campaign Against Newport.

And protesters agreed to picket the inquiry when it begins at the Gas and Fuel Corporation's offices on Tuesday, February 8.

Speakers at the rally included the mayor of Williamstown, Cr. Peter Lalor, Mr. John Marks, from the Williamstown Conservation Society, Mr. Dave Nadel, of WSCAN, and a spokesman for the Electrical Trades Union.

After the speakers were heard, the "floor" was handed over to anyone who felt they had something to contribute.

An official of the Builders Laborers' Federation

spoke at this stage, claiming that his men would not build the power station.

On Monday the Star-Advertiser received the following letter from Mr. Peter Wilkinson, secretary of the panel:

SIR, — I understand that the television news at the weekend carried a complaint in relation to the workings of the Newport Review Panel.

The panel, which has been set up by agreement between the Victorian Government and the Trades Hall Council, has issued an open invitation to any/all organisations and/or individual members of the public who are interested in the subject

matter under review to make written submissions to the panel on their views.

I am sure that the panel will be happy to receive a written submission from any individual or organisation in accordance with the terms of the open invitation as advertised in the Press on January 14 and 19, 1977.

It is also the intention of the panel to conduct public hearings on February 8 to 11 inclusive at which all parties who have made significant written submissions will have the opportunity to further expand their views.

After the public hearings have concluded any and/or all interested parties will then have the opportunity to make further written submissions in relation to evidence submitted at those hearings.

PETER WILKINSON, (Secretary, Newport Review Panel).

## Willi High back to uniform

Williamstown High School students will be back in uniform this year.

And the cost to parents could reach around \$115 . . . for just one child . . . and then only if bought at the school shop.

The cheapest a parent will be able to get out of clothing one youngster, if the uniform is not second hand will be around \$76

And that is with the summer dress and winter skirt being made at home.

No uniform has been required at the school for the past five years the principal Mr Alan Fagan told The Advertiser

However the newly-instituted school council, which replaced the advisory council in schools throughout Victoria last year, requested the change.

The council believes community expectations of the school demand the move.

"We have held referendums with parents on whether they would prefer the children back in uniform, and the majority are definitely in favor," Mrs. June Clerk, of the school's uniform shop said.

"I certainly haven't heard any adverse reaction to the idea on our selling days."

The uniform will be compulsory, but children will be given what Mrs. Clerk calls "an amnesty period", a short time to be decided by Mr. Fagan, for full uniform to be bought.

The prices of the clothing available at the school are about two-thirds of the cost in the district stores.

Girls during the winter will be allowed to wear black slacks, but not jeans, instead of the skirt, but these are not available at the school shop.

Mrs. Clerk said any families on the minimum wage, or on a pension, could get the uniform completely free of charge through applying at the principal's office when school resumes next week.

"A lot of people aren't aware of this fact, or that the Government also makes \$250 available for education maintenance, and provides books free of charge to those on the low income."

"Anyone who needs this sort of help should see Mr. Fagan as soon as possible," Mrs. Clerk said.

## Pam's Column

Hi Girls!

Mary Quant have just released Beachbaby browns, new sunny shades of brown for lips, nails and eyes. There are three new shades of lipstick: Coca Cola, a reddish brown, Browned Off, a true brown, Sunstroke, a rusty brown. Three new shades of nail polish to match the lipsticks, Shady Shine, Bikini Brown and Sunset Strip. And three new shades in Eye Gloss, Soft Stone, a light taupe, Baby Brown, a soft caramel, Moody Chocolate, a deep chocolate brown. This Eye Gloss is ultra shiny and non greasy it makes the eye shiny without goo or grease, it is transparent and totally non greasy, yet non drying to sensitive eyelid skin. Also one new shade in More Than Moisture, Tan, gives you moisture and all day protection in one product plus a tan. More Than Moisture is available in three other colors, so you can choose to wear it instead of a foundation in shades of Natural or Healthy, or as a color corrective moisturiser in shades of Natural or Cool, it can be worn under or over the top of your normal foundation.

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## History isn't in danger here



• Those who feared for the future of this old building after reading the Historic Buildings Pre-

servation Council advertisement in "The Age" last week can relax.

The ad said the owner wanted to make alterations to 231 Nelson Place, Williamstown, and any objectors could inspect

the plans at the council's offices.

The building, which was erected around 1851, will be renovated inside to make things safe for the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Cordell, and their children.

Mr Cordell is a teacher at Williamstown High School.

Mr. Wilson Evans, city historian, said yesterday the work was necessary, and it would not affect the historical value of the property.

The building has been used as doctors' rooms since it was built for Mr. John Wilkins colonial surgeon and deputy coroner.

"When John Price, the inspector-general of the penal establishment was attacked on the beach, he was taken upstairs, and it was there he died," Mr Evans said.

"He was generally hated — though I haven't been able to find out why."

The building was one of the first bluestone houses in Williamstown.

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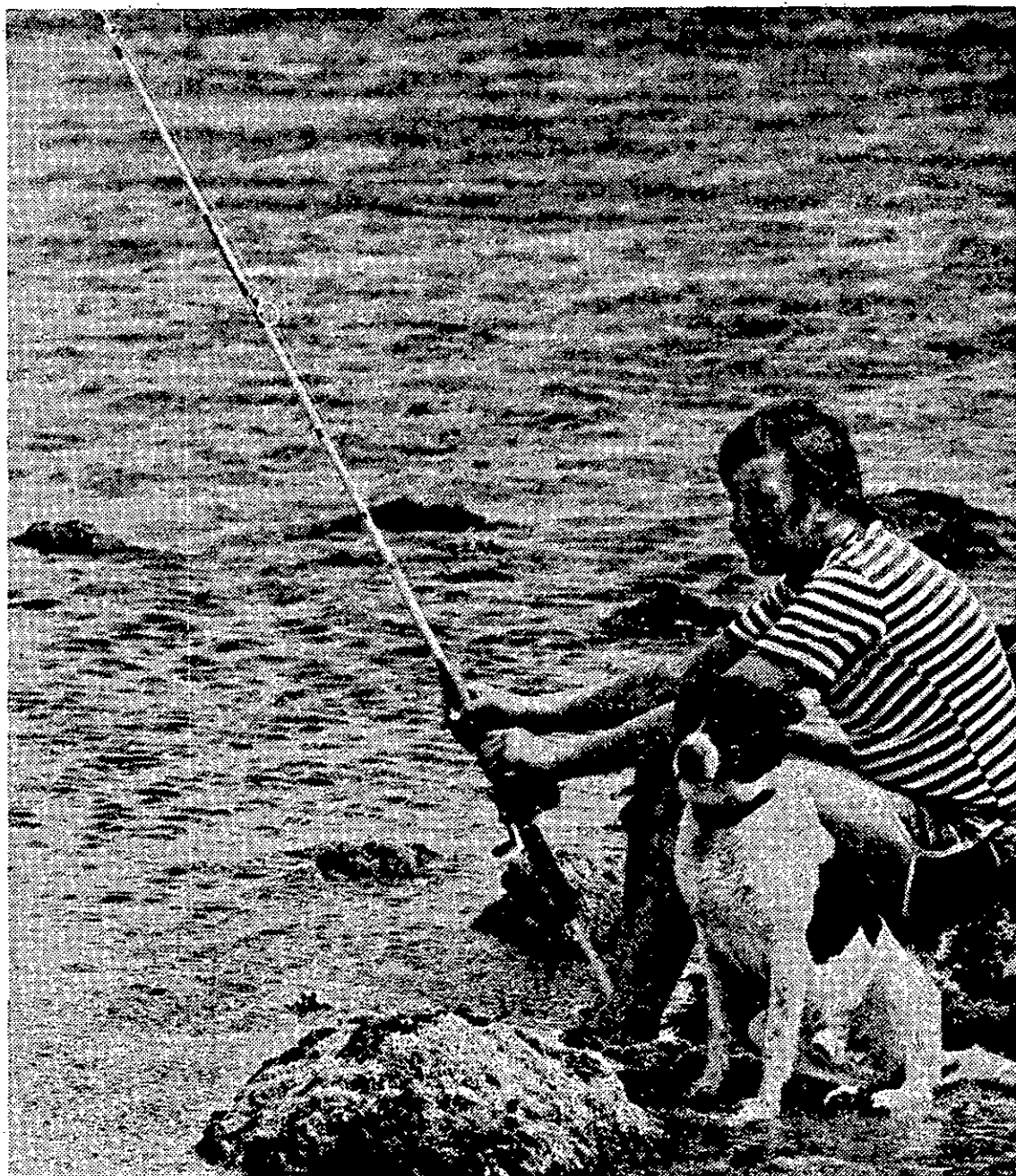
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### TPI club at cards

Thirty-six members of the Footscray, Williamstown and western suburbs TPI club had an enjoyable afternoon at cards on January 20.

Winners were Mrs. R. Verinder and Mr. L. Corbett.



## Fritz doesn't care

■ Fritz the dog would rather be chasing cats, but Robert Vitiello, 14, of Altona North, thinks fishing an ideal way to spend the school holidays.

### Holiday snaps

Holiday prints and slides will be the subject of the Altona Camera Club's next meeting on Friday, February 11.

Members are asked to bring holiday snaps to the meeting, which will be held at the Homestead, Queens Street, Altona.

The club meets every Friday, except the first Friday of each month.

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## School 'veneer will crack'

The 1977 school year will start smoothly in the western suburbs, but this is just a veneer that will soon be cracked wide open, according to the president of the Victorian Teachers' Union, Mr. Lester Rootsey.

Mr. Rootsey said the savage ceiling on teacher numbers imposed by the Treasury would break the veneer of a smooth start before the year was very old.

Migrant parents in the west would soon see a cut in the English programme for their children.

He said: "Already dozens of migrant English teachers have been turned away because of the staff ceilings. The situation will get worse as those already in schools leave — there will be no replacements."

Mr. Rootsey said that the staff shortages already existing in western schools would become worse. There was not enough incentive to encourage teachers to come to the area.

A continuing shortage of emergency teachers would make this a difficult school year in the west.

Returning to the accommodation scene, Mr. Rootsey claimed that the Victorian Government did not have enough money to build adequate classroom accommodation.

This was the result of Federal limitations on education spending.

Mr. Rootsey said it was all very well for the Minister for Education, Mr. Thompson, to claim that he was not building portable classrooms at the moment.

"However, I predict that by mid-year there will be panic ordering of cheap and shabby classrooms to patch up short-

ages, particularly in our outer growth areas."

Mr. Rootsey went on: "There are already more than 2000 portables in Victoria."

"The disastrously high number of school fires is placing further pressure on capital works funds."

"It is high time the Victorian Government installed sprinkler fire prevention systems in schools."

Mr. Rootsey said another area of disruption likely in the school system was in the special support services to Primary schools.

This service comes from the special services division and provides counselling and guidance for children in need, curriculum help for teachers, library and craft advisers, speech therapists, physical education and other vital support for teachers and children.

Many of the qualified staff were teachers seconded to these services.

Mr. Rootsey forecast that 1977 could well see disruption through direct action over Government moves to make these teachers work to public service hours and conditions.

Mr. Rootsey concluded: "Either way, the action of the Victorian Government will almost certainly result in the reduction of quality and quantity of special support services for children."

"Once again we see this veneer of stability which will soon be cracked wide open."

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The society will meet tomorrow night (January 27) at the Altona West Primary School, Belmar Avenue, at 7.30.

The programme is general business, auction, refreshments, special effort and exchange sheets.

The society meets every fourth Thursday of a month. Visitors are welcome.

Inquiries: 391 7134 and 398 3121 (A.H.).

## Summer sale

A sale of secondhand summer clothing will be held at the St. Vincent de Paul store, at 3-5 Mason Street, Newport, next Wednesday, February 2.

The store is the central depot for a network of stores run by the charity, including branches at Altona and Footscray.

The Newport shop needs space for incoming stock and so prices have been considerably reduced.

The store welcomes any donations of goods, including furniture, bedding, crockery, glasses and well kept used clothing.

Goods can be left at any St. Vincent's store or collected by ringing 391 7090.

## Footscray's traffic dangers

Footscray has the third-highest number of "killer intersections" in Victoria, a Road Safety and Traffic Authority survey has found this week.

The survey, carried out over the past six months, examined accident reports handed in by the police for the past three years.

The most dangerous streets, roads and junctions in the western suburbs are in Footscray and Sunshine; Williamstown and Altona have no particular danger zones, ROSTA found.

The records show that Footscray has five killer intersections; Barkly Street-Albert Street, Ballarat Road-Geelong Road, Hyde Street-Francis Street, Napier Street-Whitehall Street and Buckley Street-Albert Street.

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Indoor soccer: an open age men's competition will be run on Sunday evenings, and a junior mini-soccer competition for primary school boys will be held after school on Mondays.

Touchball: both open age and under-17 sections of this fast-moving game will be held on Barrett's Reserve on Wednesday nights between 5.30 and 7.30. The handball sport is regarded as an excellent pre-season training exercise for footballers.

Netball: the senior competition will be expanded this year, with two divisions being held at the YMCA in Essex Street, Footscray, and at St. Albans High School. Junior sections will also be held at both venues.

Indoor hockey: Footscray Hockey Club has organised a pre-season competition for local hockey clubs.

Volleyball: a competition for women and

under 17 boys will begin in April on Monday nights after the hockey.

As well as these competitions, the centre also fields seven basketball teams, volleyball teams, girls' gymnastics, and six teams in the Western Suburbs Badminton Association.

Sporting competitions will be held for women on Wednesday

days between 9 a.m. and noon.

The sports will be netball, basketball, badminton and volleyball. Women taking part will have the use of the sauna and swimming pool, with a creche being provided for their children.

Anyone interested in joining the Y-teams, or entering a team in any competition, should ring the centre on 689 1322.

# Can you help

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# Manager for west's POs

Mr. L. H. R. Hendry will manage the Metro West division of Australia Post — one of 46 divisions created throughout the country in a decentralising programme.

Announcing the programme, Australia Post's Victorian Manager, Mr D. Towers, said the aim was to improve postal services further by decentralising more authority from State offices into the field.

The programme

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FOOTBALL CLUB  
The Club's Annual Meeting will be held in Willy's Coffee House, Electra Street, Williamstown (next to the St. John's Methodist Church) on Tuesday, 1st February, 1977, at 7.30 p.m.

All Senior, U17, U15. Players please make a special effort to attend. New Players and Parents of Junior Players will be most welcome.

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stemmed from the Vernon report, he said.

By streamlining State head offices at the same time, management decentralisation would be achieved with a small reduction in both staff costs and numbers.

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Mr Hendry will work from the GPO.

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Mr Hendry began in the post office as a telegraph messenger at Wongan Hills, WA, in 1934.

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# aiming high

Joan Collins, winner of the Newport Strand Hotel Talent Quest, has one burning ambition — to sing with the Australian Opera.

And, according to TV talent judge, Mike Dyer, who judged the Strand Hotel quest, there's a chance that Joan just might make it.

Joan, a mezzo-soprano, sang "Holy City" in the final.

An experienced singer, Joan was a member of the London Regional Opera Company before migrating from England to Australia seven years ago.

She now lives in Newport and in recent years has sung with several local groups, including the Williamstown Light Opera Company.

# Women's centre to stay

A lack of funds is threatening to close the Working Women's Centre in Melbourne but staff at the Working Women's Centre in Cowper Street, Footscray, say they can keep going for another two years.

Pam Boers, co-ordinator at the Footscray centre, said that their grant of \$40,000 came through only last October.

"We spent \$25,000 on the house here so that leaves \$15,000 and when that runs out we can always sell the house and keep going on the money raised from the sale", she added.

She said the centre would probably keep going for two more years if no more money became available.

Pam explained that the closure of the Melbourne centre would not affect them much in Footscray.

"We are very sympathetic to a lot of their causes but we work a little differently.

"We have more personal contact with people in a working area here and we get out into the community", said Pam.

The Footscray centre's grant came from the Australian Assistance Plan through a submission put by the Western Region Council for Social Development.

# Raffle to help child centre

The Williamstown Community Centre Co-op has run a successful raffle to raise money for the children's neighborhood house being established in Williamstown.

The proceeds will be used to buy equipment.

The co-op thanks people

who bought tickets. Prizewinners: D. Wallace, Williamstown, first (Christmas hamper); F. Maddocks, Altona, second (coffee-maker); Una, Williamstown, third (cocktail glasses).

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# Tough target for Willi

After grabbing three early wickets, Williamstown let sub-district west group leaders, Doncaster, off the hook to score 223 on Saturday.

At one stage, Doncaster were struggling at 3/30 but strong middle order batting saw them finally dismissed for 223 just before stumps.

Williamstown have all next Saturday to top that score, and given similar conditions, it could be an interesting finish.

With the ground lighting fast, Doncaster won the toss and chose to bat, but Williamstown got an early breakthrough when Andy Gibson clean bowled opener R. Smith for five, with the score at 11.

Tony Cahill then got into the act when he bowled the Doncaster skipper John Ogilvie with only nine to his credit.

Gibson then took another wicket to make the score 3/30 with Doncaster struggling.

However, the middle-order bats then applied themselves with John Harmer in particular humbling the attack.

The former Yarraville captain-coach got a hard-hitting 49 before being bowled by Barry McConnell.

The next batsman came and went without scoring, stumped by Tom Ferris to give McConnell his third victim, but then the tail really wagged.

The ninth wicket put on 61 runs before Cahill and Joslin finally put an end to the innings by bowling the last two batsmen.

## SCOREBOARD

R. Smith b. Gibson 5. B. Bell lbw b. Gibson 10. J. Ogilvie, b. Cahill 9. T. Ajani c. Fowler, b.

McConnell 30. G. Hanson c. Sandri, bl. McConnell 20. J. Harmer b. McConnell 49. G. Rogers run out (James). 21. G. Norbury st. Ferris b. McConnell 0. M. Smith b. Cahill 43. D. Petty no 28. R. Cutler b. Joslin 2. Sundries 6. Total 223.

Bowling: Gibson 15 overs, two maidens, 2/50; Cahill 14/1/56/2; Joslin 16/1/59/1; McConnell 15/5/43/4; Fowler 2/0/9/0.

## SECONDS

Williamstown still have a chance of victory although losing two quick wickets near stumps.

They are 2/18 in reply to Doncaster's 148.

For Williamstown Laurie Hewet took 5/34, John Fowler 2/26 and Lou Dowling 3/33.

Kev Tweedly and Peter Costello have both been dismissed but the Gulls still have a chance with bats like Hewet and McTaggart in the side.

## THIRDS

Williamstown dismissed

Ivanhoe for 130 with Peter Thatcher taking 4/31, new medium-pace Mark Keating 3/21 and Ted Horton 2/25. At stumps Willi were 2/55 with Ted Horton (30) and Gary Matty (12) the not out batsmen.

## AUSTRALIA DAY GAMES

The seniors play a one-day game at Caulfield with the seconds also away. Thirds meet Sunshine at Fearon reserve.

## REUNION

A Williamstown CC reunion will be held at the Williamstown Oval on Sunday, February 6 — the first of a two-day match between Williamstown thirds and Brunswick.

The WCC invite all past and present players to attend the reunion starting at 1 pm in the pavilion (you can come earlier). Secretary Ian McLeod hasn't the addresses of all former players so he can't invite them personally.

Past Brunswick players have also been invited to attend.

# Rodney carries flag for Altona

Rodney Lokaj carried the flag for the Altona Athletics Club on Saturday when he won three events at Olympic Park.

Rodney came first in the under-13, 100-metre sprint, 80-metre hurdles and high jump.

Also competing in under 13, Darren Hyde won the 1500-metre run, his first win in the junior competition.

In a tactical race, Darren allowed others to lead until the last two laps when he ran to the front and held off a challenge in the straight from a Sunshine runner.

Andrew Jachno won every under-15 event he entered including the 1500-metre walk, 90-metre hurdles and 400 metres. He was also a member of the winning relay team.

Wayne Smith won in shot put and discus and ran second in the 100-metre sprint.

Paul Hyde, who competes in under 14, moved up to fill in for the under 15s and ran a personal best for the 1500 metres finishing second.

Stephen Green proved he is one of the best sub-junior middle-distance runners when he came second to the Victorian champion in the 200-metre steeplechase.

He also ran a personal best in the 1500 metres, finishing third.

Stephen Smith won the D-grade, 100-metre spring and 110-metre hurdle. He ran personal best times in both events.

## Hockey SENIOR MEN'S COACH REQUIRED

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# Wayne wins three more

Wayne Sweeney, the 16-year-old swimmer from Queen Street, Altona, has won three more State titles to go with his 1500-metre win earlier this month.

Wayne swims for the Footscray club, and is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sweeney.

He won the men's 800 metre freestyle and the 400 metre and 200 metre freestyle events for 16-year-olds at the weekend.

He also won a third in the 16 year-old 200 metre butterfly.

Wayne swims about 50 miles a week and is trained by Mr. Bill Atkinson, who has coached Australian Olympic representatives.

He is also a member of the Pt. Leo Surf Life Saving Club, and won the John Marshall Memorial swim on Boxing Day.

He will compete against American surf champions with the Victorian team when the two compete at Warrnambool and Fairholme next month.

# INTERCLUB ATHS ON AGAIN

Interclub athletics resumed on Saturday at Olympic Park. Williamstown Amateur Athletics Club teams to win were C, D and Under 13 (1). B grade had a bye.

Best performances in B-grade were by Ken McKleod in the 3000m walk (15.23) a personal best. Paul Jamieson 11.1 for 100m; Brian Davidson 14.4m in the triple jump;

Terry Phelan ran 3:59.4 for the 1500m.

Paul Jamieson won the 400m in 50.9 with Tony Gaggino second in a 51.1.

Eero Keranen ran the 3000m steeple in 9:37.7; Mick Lawrie won the shot with a personal best distance of 12.92m.

C-grade had its closest tussle for the season but remain unbeaten.

Gary Hall won the triple with a leap of 13.48m and later won the high jump when he cleared 1.80m.

Rob McLaren won the 1500m in 4:15.3. Graham Shaw took the 400m in 53.0 with Ian McKay second in 53.6.

The team won by three points.

D-grade was against the top team, Richmond (2), but won by 40 points.

Cliff Barling, a veteran club member, returned to competition in the walks and won the 1500m walk (7:51). Ian McKay won the 100m in 12 secs. Mick Lawrie won the high jump and Tony Farrar the shot (8.85). Peter Tikitakis won the 1500m in 4:28.7. Terry Phelan won the 400m in 53.5 with Rob McLaren second in 53.8.

Sub-junior A was short of competitors but still only lost by five points.

Ross Williams ran a personal best 1500m (4:49.3) and Stuart Bazga ran a personal best 400m in 53.5.

Chris Lowden won the triple jump (11.95m) and discus (35.60m); Barry McCready won the shot (13.50m).

In the Under-14s, Alec Yankos broke the club record in the discus.

Alec threw 41.98m. He also put 16m in the shot and ran 12.6 in the 100m.

Walter Scrap won the 80m hurdles in 19.7 and ran 14.6 for the 100m.

Under 13 (1) had a walkover from Sunshine (3). Personal bests were recorded by John Barnett in the discus (32.70m), Paul Lowden (13.2) and G. Lerias (14.2) in the 100m.

The under 13 (2) team narrowly lost to EMB (2) on the day, but this result may change because of some unfair team selections practised by EMB.

Terry Martin won the triple jump with a personal best of 10.17m. Robert Evans ran a personal best of 15.6 for the 100m.

# Rams miss pitchers

Newport Rams A1 team lost its first game for the year to Melbourne University. The absence of top pitchers Comer and McGregor, who are in the State team, was felt by the Rams.

But the side came good on Sunday and beat Cheltenham 5-2.

Final score in the game against University was 7-8. Hits: Newport 8, University 5. Errors: Newport 2, University 5.

Safe hits: Mildenhall, Kennedy, Campbell 2, Bunting, Simpson.

Sunday's game: Newport scored 6 safe hits to Cheltenham's 4 and 4 errors to Cheltenham's 5.

Safe hits: McKelvie, Lynch 2, Campbell, Kennedy.

The second nine turned in a lacklustre display failing to score against Cheltenham which won by five runs.

Hits: Newport 1, Cheltenham 2. Errors: Newport 2, Cheltenham 3. Safe hit: Bechaz 1.

Meeting top team, Waverley, the third nine outbatted the leaders and won 11-3.

Hits: Newport 9, Waverley 2. Errors: Newport 1, Waverley 3. Safe hits: Deveson 3, Merriman, van 2, Smith, Duggan.

On Sunday, the fourths outclassed Footscray to win 24-11. Thatcher and Cowman scored home runs.

## JUNIORS

Newport under-17s lost to Footscray 7-16. Ryan, Marr and Keegan scored safe hits.

With a scratch team, Newport managed to beat Sunshine Eagles 7-4. Hits: Newport 6, Eagles 3. Errors: Newport 2, Eagles 6. Safe hits: Cornish 2, Cameron (HOME RUN), Zahra, Sadler, Malthouse. Best: Cameron, Cornish, Malthouse.

This week's games: A1 today home to Coburg at 6.30 p.m., Sunday away to Sandringham at 4 p.m. A2 on Sunday away to Sandringham at 1.30

p.m.; thirds on Sunday at home to Oakleigh at 4 p.m.; fourths at home to Essendon on Sunday at 1.30 p.m.; under-17s to be at the ground at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday.

# Bowler MLC has his big day

The Newport Bowling Club had its President's Day last Sunday with the president, Mr. Alex Knight, MLC, playing host to 160 bowlers.

A social tournament was held after lunch.

Winning rink: L. Thornycroft, P. Murohy, B. Thompson, E. Pearce. Runners-up: R. Woodman, I. Hulands, R. Schmidt, D. Rogash.

The semi-finals of the men's club singles championship were held Sunday morning with Max Hammond and Bert King moving to the final.

Favourite for the tournament, Max Hammond, had to play every shot in the book to beat George Garlick in a close match while Bert King won comfortably against Des Luckhurst, after a slow start.

Thursday winners: A. Walker, T. Hill, D. McDonald, B. Leckie.

Saturday winners: M. Hammond, J. O'Halloran, N. Viney, A. Townsend.

The singles championship final will be held next Sunday, starting at 10 a.m.

# Tricky pitch for ANA

Newport ANA won the toss in the game against Old Paradians and went in to bat on what turned out to be an unpredictable wicket that produced a sprinkling of shooters.

At 5/35 things looked grim for Newport but a hard-hitting knock by Jim Ware (32) added respectability and then a fine last-wicket stand by Geoff Horsburgh (45) and Alan Self (17 not out) lifted the total to 139.

Coach Horsburgh was top scorer. His great experience on dicey wickets was a big help.

ANA struck back hard and the "Horse" claimed quick wickets. Paradians were 8/76 at stumps.

Horsburgh had 4/22 and Self 2/27.

## Spotswood Football Club 49th Annual Meeting

W. H. Couch Pavilion, Spotswood, Wednesday February 2nd, 1977, at 8.00 P.M. All old and new members most welcome. L. G. Rowley, Hon. Secretary.



# Arnold Palmer

Four-Time Winner of the Masters

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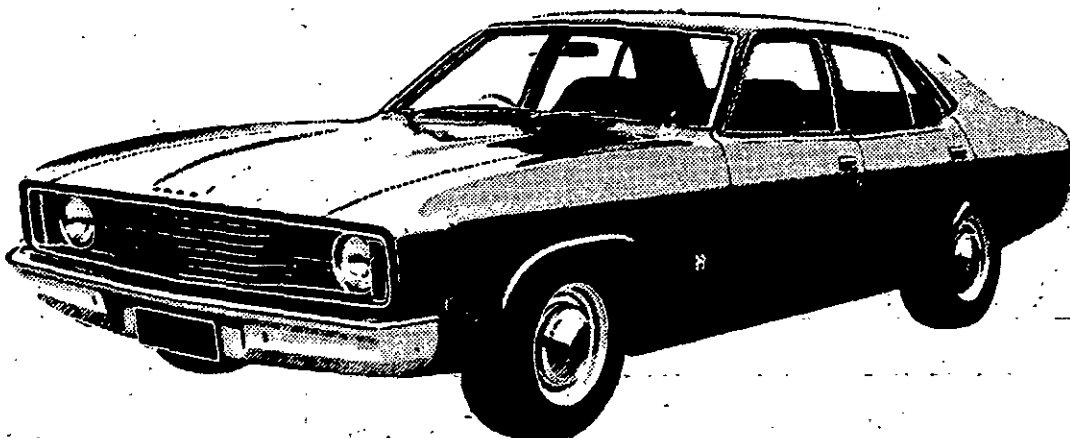
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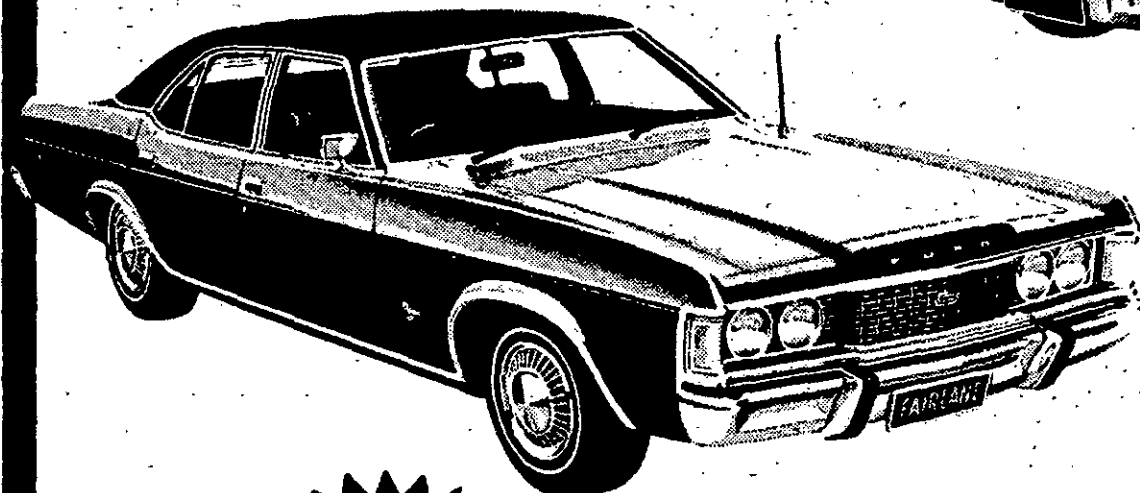
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